

REMARKS

Attorney for Applicants has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-identified application. Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 2 and 7-13 to be allowable and canceled rejected claims 1, 3-6, 16-17 and 23 in the application as set forth herein, and submit that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to claim 24. Applicant has deleted the period as requested by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Claims 1, 3-6, 16-17 and 23 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 1, 3-6, 16-17 and 23 have been canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2 and 7-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 2 and 7-15 to include any rejected base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the objections should be withdrawn.

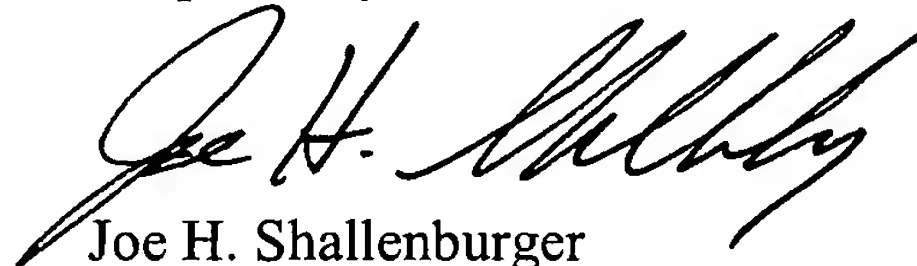
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement that claims 18-22 are allowed.

It is submitted that the Examiner's objections and rejections have been overcome and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all the objections and rejections and pass this case to allowance.

Should any changes to the claims, drawings and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, or should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

In the event that a petition or an additional petition for extension of time and/or any other petitions and/or fees are required, consider this a request for such petition and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee to Deposit Account No. 06-2143.

Respectfully submitted,



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